

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 181

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A RESOLUTION to honor Singing Echoes Park in Cleveland.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary landmarks that are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable place is Singing Echoes Park in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, rich in history, Singing Echoes Park has established itself as a mainstay in Cleveland and has become synonymous with entertainment and musical talent; and

WHEREAS, the park is named for the Southern gospel group, the Singing Echoes, which consists of members of the Epperson family, including group Manager Gary Epperson; and

WHEREAS, Gary Epperson's grandfather purchased an old farm in the early 1930s, where Gary's parents and family worked during the Depression, later turning it into the Singing Echoes Park in 1981; and

WHEREAS, over the years, many upgrades have been made to the park, including adding shelter, restrooms, a shower house, a more permanent concession stand, and a museum, which has more than forty years of history of the Singing Echoes, the park, and the old home place; and

WHEREAS, Singing Echoes Park has been visited by people from all over the world, and every summer, friends and gospel music lovers alike come from all across the United States to enjoy the country, down-home feeling of the park; and

WHEREAS, this Cleveland landmark stands as a timeless testament to history and musical tradition, pleasing and delighting local residents and out-of-towners alike; and

WHEREAS, Singing Echoes Park has operated with expertise and integrity since its inception, and it is most assuredly worthy of this General Assembly's recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Singing Echoes Park in Cleveland for its dedication to making the State of Tennessee a more enjoyable place, and extend to the Epperson family and the Singing Echoes our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.